

**PUBLIC HEARING
CHAMBERS COUNTY COMMISSION
PROPERTY IN EXISTING INDUSTRIAL PARK STATUS**

The Chambers County Commission held a public hearing on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 3:45 p.m. CST concerning a road closure in a Chambers County Industrial Park near the City of Valley. The following commissioners were in attendance: Chairman Joe Blanks, Commissioners Charlie Williams, James Brown, Henry Osborne, David Eastridge and Debbie Wood. County Manager Chambers was also in attendance.

Chairman Blanks brought the hearing to order, he thanked those that were there and turned it over to Attorney Skip McCoy. Atty. McCoy then announced that this was a public hearing pursuant to Section 23-4-2 Code of Alabama called by the Commission based on a resolution from East Alabama Water, Sewer and Fire Protection District to close Kirk Street. He states that the closing of the roadway would allow East Alabama Water to construct another fire station on this property in the Fairfax community. Kirk Street currently divides property owned by East Alabama. No business or residence will be denied the right of ingress or egress by the closing of Kirk Street. This will afford all the customers of East Alabama in their territory to have a fire station within five (5) miles of their home place. East Alabama could be able to lower their ISO Rating which in turn would provide an insurance premium reduction to the residents.

Attorney McCoy noted that Mr. Terry Bishop, East Alabama Water, Mr. Bob Johnson of East Alabama Water, Mr. Tony Segrest, Manager of East Alabama Water and the Assistant Fire Chief Kerry Pickard were in attendance. Attorney McCoy asked if County Engineer Harvill has any comments. Engineer Harvill states that he agrees with Attorney McCoy and Mr. Bishop and he sees no reason that there would be any problem with emergency vehicles having access to any of the homes or any future development of the old mill property. There is no access denied to anyone that has adjoining property by evacuating Kirk Street.

Attorney McCoy asked the Commissioners if there were any concerns, Commissioner Wood mentioned that in the past citizens have utilized the sidewalk that runs along river road and that they have used it to walk. She asked if the sidewalk would be impacted, Mr. Segrest states that if anything it will be enhanced. He states that the intent is to not only build a Fire Station but a training facility to be put on this property. Attorney McCoy asked that Mr. Segrest expand on how each fire department provides different training procedures and opportunities. Mr. Segrest stated that it will be a training facility not only for us but for the Fire Departments in Huguley, Lanett and Opelika, Phenix City area. Phase I will be the Fire Department and Phase II will be the training facility. Commissioner Wood asked if the training facility would be fenced. Mr. Segrest stated that it would be.

There were no more discussion and the public hearing was adjourned.